

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Polymers stabilized by protective colloids and/or emulsifiers and consisting of at least one comonomer unit from the group consisting of vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkyl carboxylic acids containing between 1 and 18 C atoms, acrylic acid esters or methacrylic acid esters of branched or unbranched alcohols containing between 1 and 15 C atoms, dienes, olefins, vinyl aromates and vinyl halogenides, optionally containing between 0.1 and 20 wt. % more of functional comonomer units from the group comprising carboxyl-functional, hydroxyl-functional and NH-functional, ethylenically unsaturated comonomers, are useful as additives to moldable starch compositions.